

\*x Day before the assassination James Earl Ray was in Athens, Ala., and was taken to Memphis. That would have been April 3.

\*x Ray registered at flophouse, along with another man, Samuel Lewis. According to informant, Lewis was to take King if the balcony scene didn't work out. After the shooting, Ray walked to his car accompanied by a man and a girl. The car: A new blue Buick with Alabama plates; 1st digits: "14." Owned by Eddie Wilburn (Wilbourn?) of Huntsville, Ala. Lewis spent night of April ~~XXXX~~ 4 at the flop house. He left the next morning (April 5) for Knoxville..

Ray, along with two young women and a child, was driven out of Memphis by ~~Wilburn~~ Wilburn straight to Kansas City. The drive took 6½ hours. Wilburn, the two women and the kid all from Huntsville, Ala.

1 In Kansas City, Ray stayed at a private home. At dusk April 5 he was flown to Belle Glade, ~~KXXXX~~ Florida in a private aircraft which took off from a private field in Kansas City. Plane supposed to be owned by William Pierce, a wealthy man who also owns the private airfield, supposed to have had contracting company in Cuba~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~; owns motel at Belle Glade and cottages on Lake Okeechobee. He's also supposed to be KKK'er.

On April 11, informant says, Ray got on a yacht (which prob was a chartered fishing boat) at Key West, owned by Capt. Ben Thompson.

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Incidentals: Pierce often flies to New Orleans. He knows Jim Garrison. Pierce and Wilburn may be related.

The murder rifle is still supposed to be stashed in the furnace of the flophouse. The guns were switched. The one found outside ~~XXXXXX~~ Canipe Amusement Co. was not gun actually used. ~~14-15-4~~

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The rifle is supposed to be underneath a pile of other stuff in the furnace. The informant says somebody in the rooming house ~~ix~~ was supposed to be in on the plot. That would be the guy who lives there and helps keep up the place making beds etc.

Ray may be wearing bifocals now. His white Mustang was never in Memphis. It never left Georgia. Don't know how it got in Capitol Homes public housing development.

On April 4, Ray made calls to Belle Glade from ~~the~~ from Memphis, a bus station. He used a credit card. The credit card might have been made out to Ridell Catering, subsidiary of U.S. Rubber Corp., Detroit. Or, he might have been made out to one Robert Brinkley. If t'was Ridell, might be a Mr. Ridell who lives in Harper Woods, ~~can~~ a fancy Detroit ~~suburb~~ suburb.

Some weeks before the assassination, Ray was supposed to have stayed in Belle Glade.

Payoffs: ~~Wilkerson~~ Wilburn supposed to hv bn paid off in Reno, at the Cal-Neva Lodge. Someone won \$25,000 the night before at the lodge, and the thought is that the "winnings" were rigged to provide payoff money. Now enters one Charlie Cate, lived in Reno. He's from Tennessee, comes back occasionally to visit. He reportedly knows about the payoff. Ben (or maybe Jack) Sturgis of St. Louis was a bartender at Reno and supposed to have come into a lot of money during last few weeks.

Re Sam Lewis (or Louis): He's supposed to hv served time at prisons in Milan, Mich., Chillicothe, Ohio; Terra Haute, Ind. He took bus to ZKnoxville April 5. Then came through Memphis April 7 (day Mrs. King paraded) on route to Los Angeles. He may have stayed in Knoxville with a local fireman, perhaps a company ~~chief~~ who is not supposed to be implicated.

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